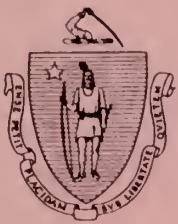


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The Criminal History Systems Board's Victim Services Unit provides the following services:

- **Certifies** victims, witnesses, family members of homicide victims, and parents/guardians of minor aged victims to:
  1. receive notice of an offender's temporary, provisional or final release from custody pursuant to the Victim Bill of Rights (*M.G.L. Chapter 258B*).
  2. receive from a criminal justice agency Criminal Offender Record Information (**C.O.R.I.**)\* regarding the criminal case that pertains to them as well as other non-C.O.R.I. information pursuant to the C.O.R.I. Law (*M.G.L. Chapter 6, Section 178A*).
- **Certifies**, upon request under a Citizen's Initiated Petition, any person, who reasonably believes that his/her physical safety is jeopardized by an inmate, to receive notice of an offender's temporary, provisional or final release from custody pursuant to the C.O.R.I. Law (*M.G.L. Chapter 6, Section 172b*).
- **Provides** information, resources, referrals, crisis intervention, and safety planning to victims during the post conviction process.
- **Facilitates** outreach to custodial authorities to improve the notification process for certified individuals.
- **Conducts** training to criminal justice agencies, victim service providers and programs, and grassroots victim organizations on post conviction services available at the CHSB.

\*C.O.R.I. is certain documentation and information held by criminal justice agencies regarding an offender's crime, arrest, prosecution, conviction, incarceration, probation, and parole.



**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE-RELATED GUNSHOT AND**

**SHARP INSTRUMENT WOUNDS**

Reported by Hospital Emergency Departments to the  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

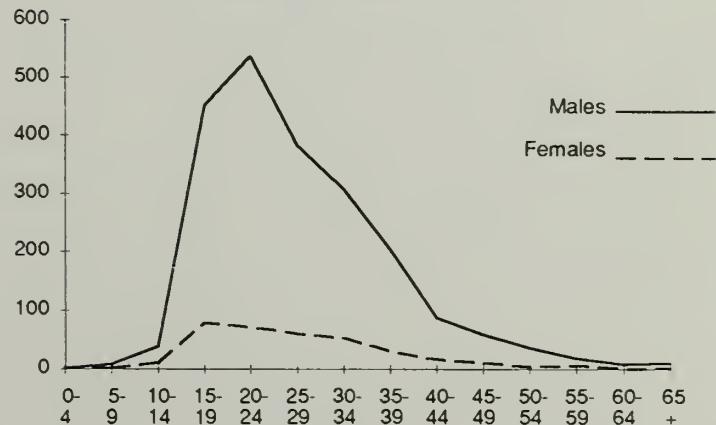
**MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS**

SUMMARIZED BY GENDER

January-December 1994

	Male (n=2164)	Female (n=340)	Male (n=2164)	Female (n=340)
	%	%	%	%
<b>Intent</b>				
Violence	85.5	84.4		
Suspected Violence	14.5	15.6		
	100.0	100.0		
<b>Weapon</b>				
Gunshot	27.6	14.4		
Sharp Instrument	72.4	85.6		
	100.0	100.0		
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
Black, Non-Hispanic	34.9	41.5		
White, Non-Hispanic	32.0	31.2		
Hispanic	20.8	15.9		
Other	1.8	2.1		
Missing/Unknown	10.4	9.4		
	100.0	100.0		
<b>Disposition</b>				
Admitted	36.8	25.9		
Discharged	45.0	53.5		
DOA or Died in ER	3.1	2.4		
Transferred/Other	3.5	3.2		
Missing/Unknown	11.6	15.0		
	100.0	100.0		
<b>Location of Incident</b>				
Bar/Party	4.4	5.0		
House/Apt.	18.8	42.1		
Park/Recreation	2.6	1.2		
School	0.6	0.3		
Street	37.7	25.0		
Victim's Work	1.0	1.8		
Other	6.5	4.7		
Missing/Unknown	28.5	20.0		
	100.0	100.0		
<b>Arrived by Ambulance</b>				
Yes	50.3	50.6		
No	36.1	35.9		
Missing/Unknown	13.5	13.5		
	100.0	100.0		
<b>Circumstance</b>				
(Excludes suspected violence cases)				
Argument or Abuse			31.9	61.7
Crime Related (e.g., robbery)			17.6	6.6
Other			9.5	9.8
Missing/Unknown			41.0	22.0
			100.0	100.0
<b>Relationship of Victim to Offender</b>				
(Excludes suspected violence cases)				
Spouse/Lover			6.9	25.1
Other Family			2.4	5.9
Acquaintance			14.1	26.1
Stranger			26.5	20.2
Missing/Unknown			50.1	22.6
			100.0	100.0

Number of Cases by Age of Victim



Notes:

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- Pre-hospital deaths are not captured by this reporting system.
- This summary does not include 31 cases for which gender is missing.

Source: *Weapon-Related Injury Surveillance System*,  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

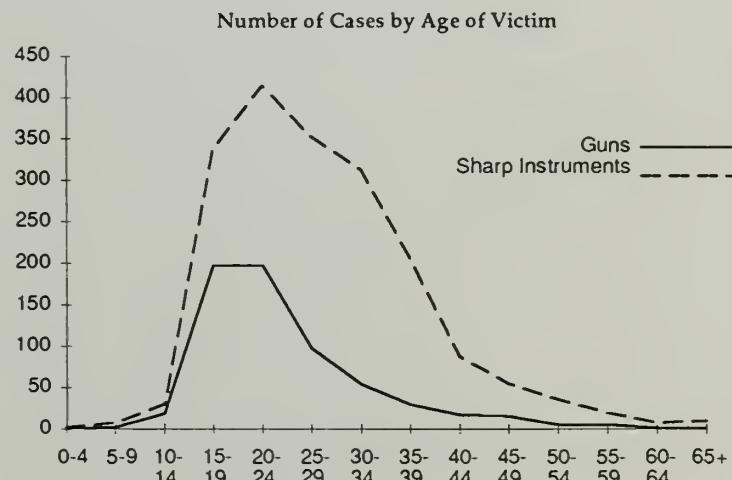


**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE-RELATED GUNSHOT AND  
SHARP INSTRUMENT WOUNDS**

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**MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS  
WEAPON SUMMARY  
January-December 1994**

	<i>Gunshot Wounds (n=622)</i>	<i>Sharp Instrument Wounds (n=1885)</i>		<i>Gunshot Wounds (n=622)</i>	<i>Sharp Instrument Wounds (n=1885)</i>
	%	%		%	%
<b>Intent</b>					
(Excludes suspected violence cases)					
Violence	85.0	85.5			
Suspected Violence	15.0	14.5			
	100.0	100.0			
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	90.3	83.1			
Female	7.4	15.4			
Missing	2.3	1.5			
	100.0	100.0			
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
Black, Non-Hispanic	49.5	31.1			
White, Non-Hispanic	18.3	36.4			
Hispanic	23.7	18.8			
Other	2.3	1.8			
Missing/Unknown	6.2	11.8			
	100.0	100.0			
<b>Disposition</b>					
Admitted	55.6	28.3			
Discharged	25.8	53.0			
DOA or Died in ER	8.9	1.0			
Transferred/Other	2.9	3.7			
Missing/Unknown	6.8	14.1			
	100.0	100.0			
<b>Location of Incident</b>					
Bar/Party	2.9	5.0			
House/Apt.	13.3	25.0			
Park/Recreation	2.9	2.2			
School	0.6	0.5			
Street	54.2	29.7			
Victim's Work	1.1	1.1			
Other	6.3	6.3			
Missing/Unknown	18.7	30.2			
	100.0	100.0			
<b>Arrived by Ambulance</b>					
Yes	64.8	45.3			
No	23.4	40.5			
Missing/Unknown	11.8	14.2			
	100.0	100.0			



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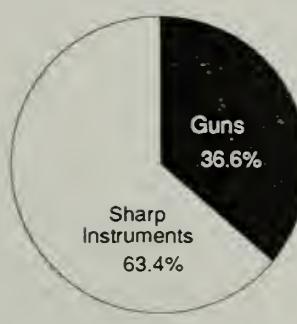
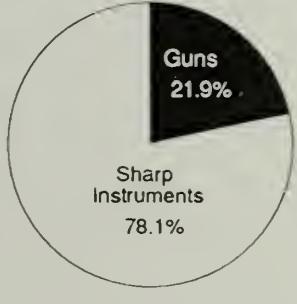
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**MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS  
YOUTH vs ADULT  
January-December 1994**

	Youth (0-19) (n=593)	Adult (20+) (n=1914)	Youth (0-19) (n=593)	Adult (20+) (n=1914)		
	%	%	%	%		
<b>Intent</b>						
Violence	86.8	84.9	<i>Circumstance</i> <i>(Excludes suspected violence cases)</i>			
Suspected Violence	13.2	15.1	Argument or Abuse	35.7	36.6	
	100.0	100.0	Crime Related (e.g., robbery)	13.6	16.9	
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	83.8	85.7	Other	12.8	8.4	
Female	15.2	13.0	Missing/Unknown	37.9	38.2	
Missing	1.0	1.3		100.0	100.0	
	100.0	100.0	<b>Relationship of Victim to Offender</b> <i>(Excludes suspected violence cases)</i>			
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
Black, Non-Hispanic	39.0	34.3	Spouse/Lover	2.7	11.8	
White, Non-Hispanic	27.2	33.6	Other Family	4.7	2.4	
Hispanic	25.5	18.7	Acquaintance	19.4	14.4	
Other	1.7	1.9	Stranger	27.8	25.2	
Missing/Unknown	6.7	11.5	Missing/Unknown	45.4	46.3	
	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	
<b>Disposition</b>						
Admitted	34.2	35.6	<b>Youth</b>			
Discharged	49.9	45.4	<b>Adult</b>			
DOA or Died in ER	2.7	2.6				
Transferred/Other	3.2	3.6				
Missing/Unknown	9.9	12.9				
	100.0	100.0				
<b>Location of Incident</b>						
Bar/Party	3.4	4.9	Notes:			
House/Apt.	14.3	24.6	• Based on record reviews, hospitals report 70-80% of their cases to the Department of Public Health; Boston hospitals report 65-75% of their cases.			
Park/Recreation	3.7	2.0	• Pre-hospital deaths are not captured by this reporting system.			
School	1.7	0.2	• This summary does not include 40 cases for which age is missing.			
Street	47.6	32.2				
Victim's Work	0.3	1.3				
Other	7.8	5.9				
Missing/Unknown	21.2	29.0				
	100.0	100.0				
<b>Arrived by Ambulance</b>						
Yes	47.4	50.9				
No	40.6	35.0				
Missing/Unknown	12.0	14.1				
	100.0	100.0				
<b>Weapon</b>						
Gunshot	36.6	21.9				
Sharp Instrument	63.4	78.1				
	100.0	100.0				

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**MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS**

by

SIZE OF VICTIM'S CITY OF RESIDENCE  
January-December 1994

	Cities Under 50,000 (n=527)	Cities 50,000 + (n=1049)	Boston (n=839)			
	%	%	%			
				Cities Under 50,000 (n=527)	Cities 50,000 + (n=1049)	Boston (n=839)
<b>Intent</b>						
Violence	81.6	84.9	88.2			
Suspected Violence	18.4	15.1	11.8			
	100.0	100.0	100.0			
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	84.8	85.7	84.9			
Female	13.9	13.2	13.6			
Missing	1.3	1.1	1.5			
	100.0	100.0	100.0			
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>						
Black, Non-Hispanic	8.5	25.2	63.2			
White, Non-Hispanic	58.4	33.9	15.5			
Hispanic	21.1	24.9	13.8			
Other	1.9	2.1	1.7			
Missing/Unknown	10.1	13.9	5.8			
	100.0	100.0	100.0			
<b>Disposition</b>						
Admitted	28.8	27.8	46.1			
Discharged	51.2	51.9	39.2			
DOA or Died in ER	1.9	3.1	1.9			
Transferred/Other	4.9	3.6	2.7			
Missing/Unknown	13.1	13.5	10.0			
	100.0	100.0	100.0			
<b>Location of Incident</b>						
Bar/Party	4.4	5.0	3.9			
House/Apt.	26.0	22.2	20.3			
Park/Recreation	2.3	2.1	2.9			
School	0.4	0.6	0.5			
Street	30.2	34.9	40.8			
Victim's Work	1.3	0.8	1.1			
Other	9.9	5.9	4.5			
Missing/Unknown	25.6	28.6	26.1			
	100.0	100.0	100.0			
<b>Arrived by Ambulance</b>						
Yes	49.0	47.2	52.4			
No	40.8	41.0	29.6			
Missing/Unknown	10.2	11.8	18.0			
	100.0	100.0	100.0			
<b>Weapon</b>						
Gunshot	16.1	24.1	31.9			
Sharp Instrument	83.9	75.9	68.1			
	100.0	100.0	100.0			

**Circumstance**

*(Excludes suspected violence cases)*

Argument or Abuse	44.7	34.9	34.2
Crime Related (e.g., robbery)	14.4	15.5	17.7
Other	8.1	11.3	8.0
Missing/Unknown	32.8	38.3	40.1

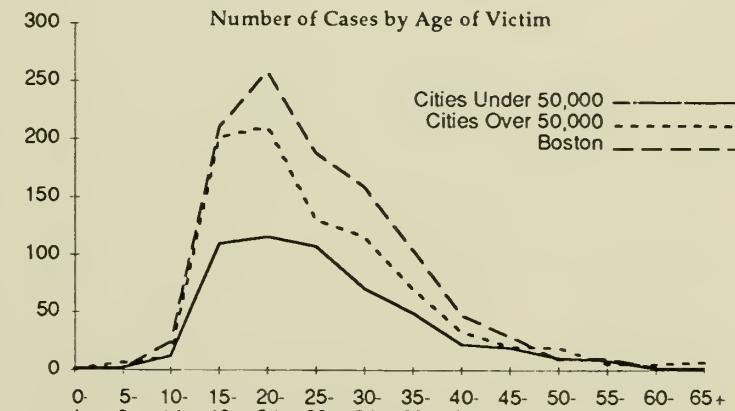
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**Relationship of Victim to Offender**

*(Excludes suspected violence cases)*

Spouse/Lover	11.6	9.3	9.5
Other Family	5.1	2.2	2.7
Acquaintance	14.9	16.3	14.9
Stranger	27.2	25.3	25.8
Missing/Unknown	41.2	46.9	47.2

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